

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully traverses and requests reconsideration.

Claims 1-6, 19-21 and 26-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Boloker in view of Gbadegesin. The office action admits that Boloker does not teach, among other things, wherein the controller determines, on a per session basis, a multimodal proxy identifier representing the proxy address of a multimodal session proxy server. The Gbadegesin reference is alleged to teach “wherein the controller determines, on a per session basis, a multimodal proxy identifier representing the proxy address of the multimodal session proxy server. (See column 8, lines 43-67 and column 9, lines 1-10).” (Page 3 of office action). Applicant respectfully submits that the Gbadegesin reference does not teach what is alleged. The Gbadegesin reference is not directed to a multimodal communication system but instead is directed to an application programming interface (API) and generalized network address translator for intelligent transparent application gateway processes.

The Gbadegesin reference is alleged to teach, among other things, a controller that determines, on a per session basis, a multimodal proxy identifier representing the proxy address of the multimodal session proxy server. However, Applicant is unable to find any mention of a multimodal session proxy server in the cited portion. Moreover, Applicant is unable to find a controller that determines, on a per session basis, a multimodal proxy identifier that represents such a multimodal session proxy server. To the contrary, the cited portion actually refers to redirecting communication for “all sessions destined for TCP port number 80” (column 8, lines 43-46). As such, not only does the reference not teach a multimodal proxy server or multimodal proxy identifiers as alleged in the office action, but instead teaches a system wherein all sessions destined for a particular port number are redirected and as such, the cited portion does not teach determining, on a per session basis, a multimodal proxy identifier. The Gbadegesin reference instead teaches a

per port number redirection for all sessions that are destined for the same port number. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 26 are in condition for allowance.

The dependent claims add additional novel and non-obvious subject matter. For example, claim 2 requires, among other things, that the browser proxy identifier is evaluated by a multimodal proxy evaluator on a per session basis, in response to a multimodal proxy identifier. The office action cites FIGs. 23 and 25 and paragraphs 82, 90, 102, 112, 179-186, 207, 252. However, Applicant is unable to find the claimed subject matter taught in the cited portion and in fact, the office action appears to admit in the rejection to claim 1 that the Boloker reference does not teach determining, on a per session basis, a multimodal proxy identifier and as such, Applicant respectfully submits that the claim is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully reasserts the relevant remarks made above with respect to the other claims as well.

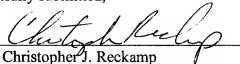
As to claim 19, the office action also admits that Boloker does not teach, among other things, receiving a multimodal proxy identifier, on a per session basis, for a browser; evaluating, on a per session basis, a browser proxy identifier in response to receiving the multimodal proxy identifier; nor sending an information request via multimodal session proxy server identified by the multimodal proxy identifier. The Gbadegesin reference is allegedly cited as teaching determining “on a per session basis, a multimodal proxy identifier representing the proxy address of the multimodal session proxy server.” (Page 6 of office action). Applicant respectfully reasserts the relevant remarks made above with respect to claim 1 which point out that the Gbadegesin reference does not teach, inter alia, per session multimodal proxy identification determination and as such, the claim is in condition for allowance. The dependent claims add additional novel and non-obvious subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the

below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

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